Government Alleges \$41,911 in Undervaluations in Customs by Shoninger Bros.

Henry Shoninger, treasurer of Shonirger Bros., importers of laces and embroideries at 113 Fifth avenue, was arraigned before Judge Welverton in the United States District Court yesterday on an indictment charging him with defrauding the Government of duties by undervaluing importations made by his firm, which has a capitalization of \$1,-100,000. Through his counsel, Henry A. Wise, he entered a temporary plea of

Wise, he entered a temporary plea of not guilty and was released on a \$5,000 hall bond. He was given two weeks in which to enter his final plea.

The indictment gives five instances of undervaluation on importations of cotton laces, silk woven fabrics and metal threads between September, 1911 and August, 1914, on which, it is charged, the Government lost \$520. According to a civil suit filed by the government against the corporation immediately after Shoninger's arrest, the frauds extend back as far as 1907 and have caused a loss to the Government of \$41,911.

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Bernard J. Shoninger, president of the concern is in Paris. Charles Shoninger is vice-president. After the arraignment of Henry Shoninger, Mr. Wise gave out a statement in which he said that the criminal prosecution and the civil actions were based entirely on the Government's miscalculations as to the actual purchase price of the goods supposed to have been undervalued.

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have been undervalued.

"The Government's claim of \$41,000 loss of duties," he said, "is made up largely by its calculations of duties upon commissions actually paid abroad and which are not a part of the dutiable value of the goods. Shoninger Brothers have paid the Government \$2,700,000 in duties during the period in which the Government alleges it lost the ridiculous amount specified."

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voices. The indictment, he said, redicated on facts disclosed by an igation lasting six months.

CALLS TRAINMAN ARISTOCRAT. He Leads All Railroad Wage Earners.

annual report of the Bureau o Railway News and Statistics shows that the year ended June 30, 1915, there were twenty-two classes of railway than \$1,000 a year, and that the average for all employees was \$825, which was far in advance of the average in any previous year. Total wages paid to labor during the year were \$265,000,000 more than the amount paid in 1909 in statement issued by the bureau says

"Excepting only general officers, \$3,000 per "annum and upward, and division officers, \$3,000 per annum and upward, it is shown as a result that the highest nnual earnings in the entire sixty-eight lasses of railroad employees are among

"Against the incomes of some of these aristocrats of the labor world, general officers below \$3.000 per annum average only \$1.574; division officers below \$3,000 per annum, \$1.690; train despatchers and directors, \$1.529; general foremen M. E. department, \$1.521; foremen M. W. department, \$1.075; yard masters and acceptance of the second masters and accep alone, with \$6,099 and \$3,667 respec-tively, exceed the attainments of the egain restless trainmen."

MRS. WARDEN UNDER BONDS.

Feman Who Used Dog Whip on Howard S. Mott Surrenders.

TENAPLY, N. J., May 11 .- Mrs. Julia warden, who used a dog whip on Howard S. Mott last Saturday because he insisted on cutting a road which she alleged encreached on her property, appeared to-day in the Borough Hall and let Recorder Maugham put her under \$200 bonds to keep the peace. Her act was a surprise, for ever since the affair happened she has eluded arrest or the service of warrants at her home and last Monday she left town to avoid the motoriety that followed her.

Mrs. Warden came back from Newark on the 4 o'clock train. Chief McLough-lin was waiting at the station with a warrant, but she eluded him by getting off at Englewood and coming the rest of the way by automobile.

"She just dreaded being arrested," explained her lawyer.

"I want to impress on you the seriousness of this offence," Recorder Me-Loughl-in told Mrs. Warden. "I could place you under ball and hold you for the Grand Jury, but Mr. Mott does not want to be so vindictive."

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The sudden advance in the Marine shares yesterday was attributed to reports that the differences existing between the Wallace and Platten committee had been adjusted and that an agreement had been reached. Those who are in close touch with both committees denied that any agreement has been reached and that the main differences remain unsettled.

These notes were traded in yesterday on the curb on a "when, as and if issued" basis and sold at 99. It has been reported that the Platten committee has contended that an offering to the stockholders of these notes at 26 would be too low.

GETS \$2,000,000 ALBERTA BONDS

Buyers Provide for Return if U. S Breaks With Germany.

time and \$7\psi\$ per cent. additional after the eighth hour."

Engineers, the report says, average by Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo on from \$1,464 to \$2.041; conductors, \$1,303 the basis that their unconditional offer to \$1,766; firemen, \$578 to \$1,229, and of \$5.51 was better. Premier Sifton and brakemen, \$978 to \$1,127. The report

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Proscutor Carstarphen said that books and papers taken from the offices of Shoninger Bros. show the true purchase price of the imported goods invoived to be higher than was stated in the invoices. The indictment, he said.

Shipment of \$2,256,000 to Support

British Exchange.

750,000 in American coin at the Sub-Treasury and \$506,000 in sovereigns at the Assay Office. It was sent by the Bank of England to J. P. Morgan & Co. and is to be held as a further support to the market in sterling exchange. It is believed in international banking It is believed in international banking circles that the shipment was required to support British exchange until a recovery of prices in the Stock Exchange, when there would be an opportunity for the further sale of foreign held American securities. The supply of gold in the Bank of England's branch at Ottawa was known to have been almost exhausted at one time, but since then the imports from South Africa have largely replenished the stock.

This is the first large shipment of gold to this city from Canada since last October.

CUSTOMS DECISIONS.

Surplus Amounts to 78.02 Per Cent. on Common Stock.

The report of the Standard Screw Company for the year ended March 31, 1916, shows net profits of \$2,163,738, as compared with \$277,336 in the preceding year. The surplus amounted to \$2,-121,772, as against \$193,465. This is equivalent to 78.02 per cent. earned on the \$2,500,000 common stock after preferred dividends. The profit and loss surplus was \$1,575,483, as compared with a deficit of \$47,494.

The net profit of the company for the year, before deducting depreciation charges, was \$4,163,000. This, after deducting interest on the preferred dividends is equal to 158 per cent. on the common stock. The company had cash the common stock of the company had cash the common stock. The company had cash the company profits a profits of General Appraiser. This common stock. The company had cash the c

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CANADA'S GOLD AIDS STERLING.

Canadian gold to the amount of \$2, 56,000 was received here yesterday. \$1.

dends, is equal to 158 per cent. on the common stock. The company had cash on hand as of March 31 last amounting to \$1.274,847, as compared with \$816.736.

Custom House Receipts.

The total receipts for duties at the Custom House yesterday were \$419.7901.06, of which \$119,146.81 was for merchandise withdrawn from bonded.

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